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MATER MARIA  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

# MATER HIGHLIGHTS

## Mater Maria Catholic College

APRIL 2022

### MONTHLY SPORT NEWS

#### BBSSSA SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to all our students who gained selection into the Broken Bay Swimming Team to compete at the NSWCCC Swimming Championships. Ten students from Mater Maria were selected, including two relay teams (junior boys 4 x 50m freestyle and 6 x 50m boys all team relay) as well as multiple individual swimmers.

- Harvey Monnock came third place in the 100m backstroke.
- Macy Beuzeville came second place in the 400m freestyle and third place in the 200m freestyle for 15-16 years.
- Charli Barbour came third place in the 100m freestyle and second place in the 400m freestyle for 12-14 years.

Our three swimmers have gained selection into the NSWCCC swimming team to compete at the All Schools Swimming Championships.

Well done to all our Mater Maria swimmers who competed at these championships.



Harvey Monnock



Macy Beuzeville



Charli Barbour

### EDUCATION PERFECT LANGUAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

The Education Perfect Language Championships were held from 8 - 15 March. Mater Maria was ranked 62nd overall in Italian out of 1188 schools. Students are to be commended on their wonderful efforts and enthusiasm.

The following students are to be congratulated on their outstanding achievement and have been awarded with the following Certificates:



Bronze Award:  
(1000+ points)

Year 8 Japanese:  
Chloe Cotton

Credit Award: (500+ points)  
Year 8 Japanese:  
Sebastian Reyes-Roman  
Year 8 Italian: Luca Duncan



Teacher in Charge of Languages  
Anna Giunta

# NSWCCC SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout each term students who have a particular talent in a specific sport, are encouraged to nominate themselves for selection. Different sports run during different terms and as some sports are not offered at a school level, some pathways require individual registrations. For more information on the sport pathways that NSWCCC run please use this link: <https://csnsw.sport/>

If your child is new to this process and you are unsure how to register your child on the above website, please use the following link which will have the instructions on this process:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/16xzCRF0HX20\\_-4seA4bgAE9SOBz9qE\\_0tUQwFlioPc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16xzCRF0HX20_-4seA4bgAE9SOBz9qE_0tUQwFlioPc/edit?usp=sharing)



## HENRY MANN – NSW U18 RUGBY 7'S TEAM

Henry gained selection into the U18 NSW Rugby 7's team after a long selection process and tournament. We wish Henry all the very best of luck at the Australian Championships.

## NSWCCC RUGBY UNION AND RUGBY 7 SELECTIONS

Congratulations to Evan Flynn (U16 Boys Rugby), Henry Mann (U18 Boys Rugby) and Isabella Fiaola (U16 Rugby 7's Squad) for their selection into the various NSWCCC Rugby teams. The trials are very competitive and their selection is an outstanding result.



## 'AUSSIES' SLSC

Congratulations to all Mater Maria students who travelled to compete in the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships, with a special congratulations to Macy Beuzeville for winning the 2km ocean swim. This is a phenomenal achievement.

Congratulations to Charli Barbour and Harvey Monnock for their amazing performances as well.



# INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

## SIENNA BROWN – AUSTRALIA SAILING TEAM

Sienna Brown and her partner Darcy Robbins are the Australian Female 29er Youth Champions. They raced at the Victorian Youth Championships in Williamstown during the school holiday and gained first place in this qualifying regatta. After two years of COVID-19 disruptions, female 29er sailors came from all over Australia to test their skills in some very tough sailing conditions with strong winds and a large swell over the five days.

Sienna and Darcy are now part of the Australian Youth Sailing Team and will compete at the Youth Worlds at The Hague in The Netherlands in July.



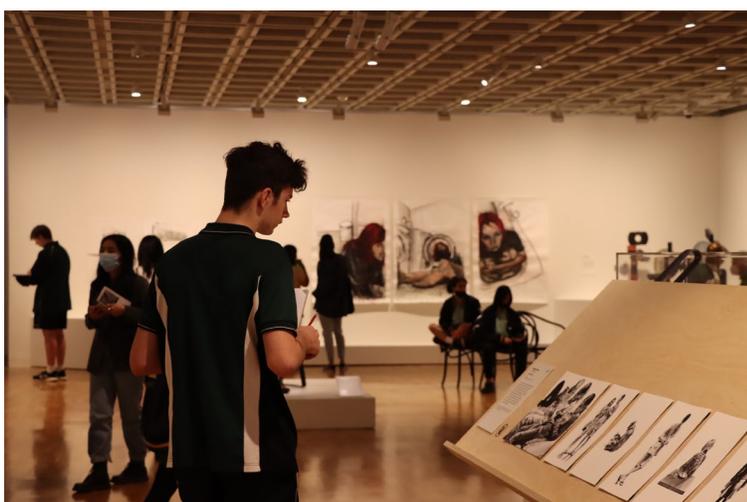
# SOUL MASS

Thank you to all our students and staff who attended our second Soul Mass on Sunday 3 April. We held a BBQ, music and games for students and staff after the Mass. It was a wonderful night and well attended by our Mater Maria community.



# YEAR 10 VISUAL ARTS EXCURSION

At the end of last term, the Year 10 Visual Arts students braved the wild weather to go to the Museum of Contemporary Arts and Art Gallery of NSW to see the Biennale of Sydney and Art Express. The students had the opportunity to engage with Contemporary artists and artworks in a workshop with practicing artists. Even though a little damp, they engaged positively in all activities.



# YEAR 11 AND 12 ARTS EXCURSION

The Year 11 and 12 students attended an excursion to Express Yourself at Manly Gallery where two of last year's Year 12 Visual Arts students' Body of Works were exhibited. They then visited Art Express and the Biennale of Sydney at the Art Gallery of NSW. Despite the weather being unkind once again, the students were inspired by the artworks and will use the experience to inform their own art making practice in their coming assessments.

# YEAR 12 ENGINEERING STUDIES

During the first week of Term 2, our Year 12 Engineering students were collecting data on variables of aircraft (wing length, wing width, fuselage length, tail design). They will be analysing and using this data to design the 'ultimate aircraft' to travel at the highest speed.

Stem in action at Mater Maria using the PowerSTEM Power Anchor.



# THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY

Our Year 10 and 11 Drama students welcomed the new term with a trip to Walsh Bay to watch *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde at the Sydney Theatre Company. A creative blend of cinema and theatre with one actor playing all 26 parts. It is a masterpiece! The students loved it and are now inspired to create bigger and better work!



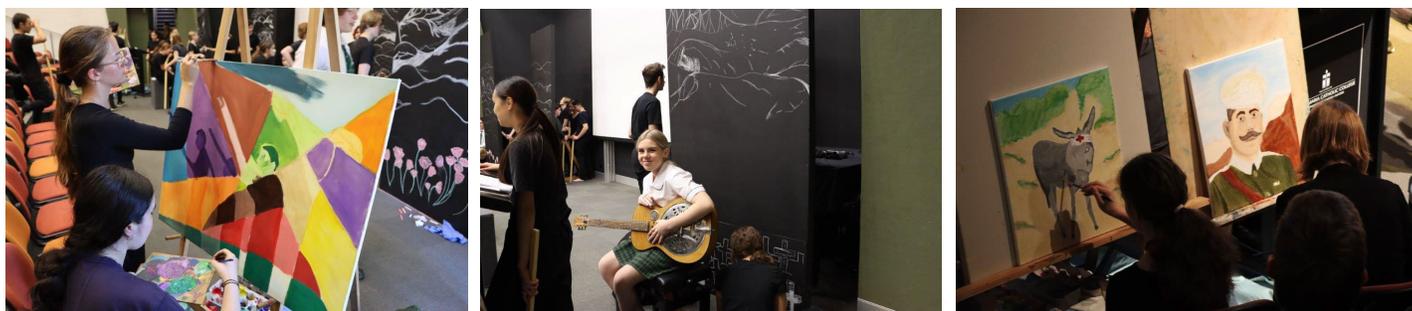
# GALLIPOLI PERFORMANCE

On Friday 29 April, the Year 10 Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Year 11 Entertainment students were involved in a collaborative performance of a play written and adapted by Michael Rulli from Peter FitzSimons' book Gallipoli. The play consisted of Year 10 Drama students performing excerpts from actual historical correspondence and research on the atrocities and experience of the landing on the Gallipoli Peninsula and the events that occurred during this time.

The Music students created the sound effects as well as haunting renditions of *Waltzing Matilda* and *The Band Played Waltzing Matilda*. In the background, our Visual Arts students were busy creating the set by drawing the scenes, crosses and poppies on blackboards with chalk. At each performance throughout the day, the set continued to build and it was completed by the final performance. Four students also painted canvases to commemorate key figures including General John Monash, Simpson's Donkey and the performers in situ.

The final performance in the Byrne Theatre was on Friday evening to the parents and the author Peter FitzSimons attended as well. He treated the audience and students with further stories from his research. The students and audience were moved by the experience and commented on the value of such an authentic learning opportunity to commemorate the Anzacs at this time of the year.

A huge congratulations to Mr Rulli and the Creative Arts team as well as the talented Year 10 and 11 students.





# ANZAC DAY SERVICE

On Wednesday 27 April, we held an Anzac Day Service in the Marana Complex, our College's main school hall. Mr Marshall and Ms Hollestelle-Watson led a moving whole school assembly to acknowledge the service of those who have fallen in conflict and wars. The assembly had a special focus as we acknowledged the spirit of the Anzacs and concluded with the The Last Post as we paid tribute to all those who have served this country. Our students were given an Anzac biscuit and watched a video on the significance of Anzac Day.

Our Benedict Learning Centre also has a vast display of war memorial books on display which cover these important periods of history and our students are enjoying learning more.





# YEAR 8 LANGUAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

## GANBARU CUP & POTENZA CUP

This is a Japanese language enrichment program created and coordinated by Liberty Campbell, Languages Project Officer (Broken Bay Cross Campus Centre).



## ITALIAN POTENZA CUP COMPETITION

This is an Italian language enrichment program created and coordinated by Liberty Campbell, Languages Project Officer (Broken Bay Cross Campus Centre) and Maria Raso (Italian Teacher at Mater Maria Catholic College).

These competitions are an eight week language enrichment program for any interested Year 8 Italian or Japanese students in the Diocese of Broken Bay. The Italian Potenza Cup Competition began in Term 1, Week 7 and the Japanese Ganbaru Cup Competition commenced in Term 1, Week 8. Students work through weekly topics on the Canvas platform. Prizes for the highest scoring student in each school for each topic are awarded. The program ends with a live contest to determine an overall winner.

We look forward to some wonderful results and to the winners who will be announced this term at St Leo's Catholic College's Japanese Day and Mater Maria's Italian Day.



# ZONTA ACHIEVEMENT & YOUNG WOMEN IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AWARDS

Zonta International is a world-wide organisation with over 35,000 professional women with the primary purpose of making the world a better place by empowering women. Through service and advocacy, Zonta aims to improve the health, educational, professional, legal, economic and political status of women and girls. Zonta values high ethical standards and promotes goodwill and universal respect for all.

We are thrilled to announce that recently two Mater Maria Year 12 students were acknowledged by Zonta for their contributions to their communities and their diligent attitude towards their studies.

Phoebe Burt was recognised for her commitment to her heritage and work ethic at school in the Zonta Achievement Award for a Young Indigenous Woman category.

Jessica Muir placed second in the Young Women in Public Affairs Award.

Well done to you both.



Phoebe Burt



Jessica Muir

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

2021 proved a challenging year for our Duke of Edinburgh program and our Silver and Gold students delayed completion of their Qualifying Adventurous Journeys until 2022. At the end of April, thirteen Year 12 students undertook their final expedition to complete their Gold Award along with four Year 11 students completing their Gold practice expedition.

The expedition involved two days of canoeing on Pittwater with an overnight camp at the Basin and a two day and two night camp and trek in the Watagan Forest on the Central Coast. The trip had to be split between two locations as a result of the original planned location on Myall Lakes being closed due to flooding and inaccessibility. One highlight of the canoeing portion of the trip was the kids encountering Costa from Gardening Australia. The weather was variable throughout the trekking stages of the expedition with significant periods of rain. Leeches were horrendous but all students survived in the end. Good spirits were displayed by all throughout the four days and now all that remains to do is complete the paperwork towards finalising the qualification.





# SCHOOLTV REPORT



Vaping is becoming a trendy pastime that is growing in popularity across Australia, especially amongst teenagers. It is the act of inhaling a vapour created by an electronic cigarette, or e-cigarette. Many teenagers are succumbing to peer pressure around this risk-taking activity due to the ease of accessing and hiding vapes. They are often cheaper than conventional cigarettes, making it more cost-effective and attractive to young people.

Although under 18s are not legally allowed to purchase any type of e-cigarette or vaping product in Australia, teenagers are finding ways to access them online. Australia has strict regulations in place for nicotine-containing products, and attempts are being made to regulate vaping and ban the importation of them. Many of the flavoured liquids associated with vaping, contain not only high levels of nicotine, but other potentially harmful additives. Many of these “e-liquids” contain chemicals that are likely to be toxic, that when inhaled or vaped repeatedly, can cause severe damage to the lungs.

Vaping is often marketed as being the “healthy” alternative to smoking. However, doctors strongly advise that if you do not smoke, then you should not start vaping. Most teenagers are unaware of the associated risks and potential impact vaping can have on their development and overall health. Parents are encouraged to discuss the dangers of nicotine addiction and include e-cigarettes in the discussion alongside alcohol and drugs.

This Special Report highlights the facts around vaping and e-cigarettes and what are the potential risks. We hope you take time to reflect on the information offered in this Special Report, and as always, we welcome your feedback.

If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.

Here is the link to your special report [https://matermaria.nsw.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-vaping-au](https://matermaria.nsw.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-vaping-au)



## Vaping in Children & Young People

Northern Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School invite you to join an information session on vaping in children and young people.

This session will support parents, carers and teachers:

- To understand vaping and its health impacts
- To feel confident talking to your child or students about vaping
- Practical strategies and resources to educate children

Register now and submit questions to our panel!

Brought to you by Northern Sydney Local Health District Live Life Well @ School. For more information or questions contact: [NSLHD-LiveLifeWellatSchool@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:NSLHD-LiveLifeWellatSchool@health.nsw.gov.au)

Tuesday 24 May

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Online via MS Teams

To register;

[Click the link](#) or scan the QR code

